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A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) No cotton spinning, either by hand or by power, was carried on in any of the jails during the years 1926 and 1927. As regards woollen yarn spun in jails the available information is furnished below :—

Jail.	Manufactured by power.		Manufactured by hand spinning.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
	LB.	LB.	LB.	LB.
Vellore	Nil.	Nil.	2,095	2,755
Rajahmundry	Nil.	Nil.	10,912	22,917
Trichinopoly	Nil.	Nil.	49,659	35,618
Bellary	Nil.	5,889	36,648	30,870
Alipuram	Nil.	Nil.	17,397	19,288
	Nil.	5,889	116,711	111,448

Exemption of prisoners from working on fasting days.

* 1664 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether prisoners in jails are made to work during festivals and fasting days also;

(*b*) whether the Mappilla prisoners are made to work during Ramzan and other fasting days ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will exempt the prisoners from work on fasting days ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to rule 389 of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*b*) Mappilla prisoners are not exempted from labour on fasting days other than the last day of the Ramzan.

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) may I ask why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I may say, Sir, that with regard to this matter the Inspector-General of Prisons has already issued the following instructions :—

'Superintendents are informed that care should be taken to see that those Muhammadan prisoners who have elected to fast during the Ramzan should be employed under the directions of the Medical Officer in a suitable manner and not given arduous forms of labour to perform.' "

Public Service

Alleged memorial from a non-gazetted officer.

* 1665 *Q.*—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has recently received a memorial from a non-gazetted officer who was brought under the exchange system to the Revenue Secretariat in connexion with the Tanjore resettlement special work and was retained for five years from 1919 to 1923 ;

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(*b*) whether it has been well supported by Mr. H. S. Shield, I.C.S., the then Collector of Tanjore, in 1927 ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that his claims for the post of Deputy Tahsildar in 1921 and 1922 were overlooked ; and

(*d*) whether Government propose to instruct the Collector of Tanjore to have his salary re-fixed at the presumptive pay of the Secretariat scale last drawn by him, with retrospective effect from December 1923, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) A memorial has been received from a non-gazetted officer who was employed in the Revenue Secretariat from 10th May 1919 to 23rd March 1923. He was not brought into the Secretariat under any exchange system but was appointed on his own application.

(*b*) The Collector forwarded the memorial for favourable consideration.

(*c*) The Government have no reason to suppose that they were overlooked. From a copy of the Collector's endorsement produced by the memorialist it appears that his claims are being considered along with those of others.

(*d*) The Government are not aware of any reason why the action suggested should be taken.

Collectorates

Concessions to Adi-Dravidas in selecting candidates for appointment.

*1666 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, in selecting candidates for appointments in Government service, some latitude is shown to Muhammadans by considering as eligible persons who have secured only 30 per cent marks in the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate public examination ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the same concession will be shown to Adi-Dravidas and other educationally backward classes ; and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—"The answer to this question is very ambiguous; may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member to explain it, Sir?"

The hon. the President :—"That is not a supplemental question."

Survey

Resurvey in South Kanara.

*1667 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the question of resurvey in South Kanara?

A.—The resurvey has been sanctioned of the whole of the old Kasaragod taluk which comprises the whole of the present Kasaragod taluk and parts of the present Mangalore and Uppinangadi taluks. The Government have not yet decided whether or no a resurvey of the rest of the district is necessary.